CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: VID-20190316-WA0006.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000233.005

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 22 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	VID-20190316-WA0006.mp4	2:54
Total running time:		2:54

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is a clip of from the 'Christchurch Mosque Attack Livestream' (OFLC Ref: 1900148.000). The video file captures the core essence of 'Christchurch Mosque Attack Livestream'. The video clearly documents a real act of extreme violence and cruelty – namely the graphic mass murder of unsuspecting and defenceless worshippers at a mosque. The publication presents the same purpose and effect as 'Christchurch Mosque Attack Livestream' and is also considered objectionable as it promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. There is no other reasonable reading of the publication. In making this decision, the right to freedom of expression – that is to seek, receive and impart information and opinions – protected under s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 was considered, together with the fact that under s5 of that Act this

freedom is subject "only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society". An objectionable classification is considered to be a demonstrably justified limit on that freedom in this case due to the high likelihood of significant injury to the public good arising directly from the video's continued availability.